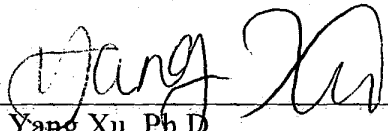


CONDITIONAL PETITION

Applicant hereby makes a Conditional Petition for any relief available to correct any defect in connection with this filing, or any defect remaining in this application after this filing. The Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account 13-2755 for the petition fee and any other fee(s) required to effect this Conditional Petition.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made"

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Changes to the Specification:

The paragraph on page 1, lines 8-11, has been changed as follows:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/709,066, filed November 9, 2000, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/220,713, filed July 26, 2000, U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/165,141, filed November, 12, 1999, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/165,074, filed November, 12, 1999.